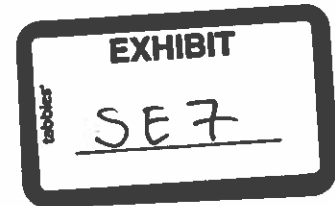


**Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity**



July 26, 2017

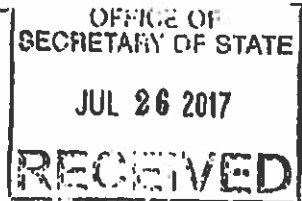
Office of the Secretary of State of New Mexico  
The Honorable Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State  
325 Don Gaspar, Suite 300  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Secretary Oliver,

In my capacity as Vice Chair of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, I wrote to you on June 28, 2017, to request publicly available voter registration records. On July 10, 2017, the Commission staff requested that you delay submitting any records until the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled on a motion from the Electronic Privacy Information Center that sought to prevent the Commission from receiving the records. On July 24, 2017, the court denied that motion. In light of that decision in the Commission's favor, I write to renew the June 28 request, as well as to answer questions some States raised about the request's scope and the Commission's intent regarding its use of the registration records. I appreciate the cooperation of chief election officials from more than 30 States who have already responded to the June 28 request and either agreed to provide these publicly available records, or are currently evaluating what specific records they may provide in accordance with their State laws.

Like you, I serve as the chief election official of my State. And like you, ensuring the privacy and security of any non-public voter information is a high priority. My June 28 letter only requested information that is already available to the public under the laws of your State, which is information that States regularly provide to political candidates, journalists, and other interested members of the public. As you know, federal law requires the States to maintain certain voter registration information and make it available to the public pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The Commission recognizes that State laws differ regarding what specific voter registration information is publicly available.

I want to assure you that the Commission will not publicly release any personally identifiable information regarding any individual voter or any group of voters from the voter registration records you submit. Individuals' voter registration records will be kept confidential and secure throughout the duration of the Commission's existence. Once the Commission's analysis is



complete, the Commission will dispose of the data as permitted by federal law. The only information that will be made public are statistical conclusions drawn from the data, other general observations that may be drawn from the data, and any correspondence that you may send to the Commission in response to the narrative questions enumerated in the June 28 letter. Let me be clear, the Commission will not release any personally identifiable information from voter registration records to the public.

In addition, to address issues raised in recent litigation regarding the data transfer portal, the Commission is offering a new tool for you to transmit data directly to the White House computer system. To securely submit your State's data, please have a member of your staff contact Ron Williams on the Commission's staff at [ElectionIntegrityStaff@ovp.eop.gov](mailto:ElectionIntegrityStaff@ovp.eop.gov) and provide his or her contact information. Commission staff will then reach out to your point of contact to provide detailed instructions for submitting the data securely.

The Commission will approach all of its work without preconceived conclusions or prejudgments. The Members of this bipartisan Commission are interested in gathering facts and going where those facts lead. We take seriously the Commission's mission pursuant to Executive Order 13799 to identify those laws, rules, policies, activities, strategies, and practices that either enhance or undermine the integrity of elections processes. I look forward to working with you in the months ahead to advance those objectives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kris Kobach".

Kris W. Kobach  
Vice Chair  
Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**July 27, 2017**

Contact: John Blair (505) 490-1952

**Secretary of State Toulouse Oliver Responds to Second  
Request by President Trump's Election Commission for  
New Mexico Voters' Personal Data**

SANTA FE – New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver released the following statement today regarding a second request from President Donald Trump's Advisory Commission on Election Integrity for the personal data of New Mexico voters:

"My office has received another request for New Mexico voters' personal data from President Trump's 'Voter Fraud Panel.' Upon review of this request, my answer is still no.

"As I've said before, I will never release the personally identifiable information of New Mexico voters protected by law, including their social security number and birthdate. Because the Commission has still not demonstrated that the data will be used for a lawful purpose under New Mexico law, provided any plan for ensuring that voters' personal data will be secured, or explained how comparing insufficient data will produce any meaningful conclusions, I won't release any New Mexicans' voter information.

"My office has received an overwhelming response from New Mexicans who have made it clear they do not want their voter information shared with the Trump Commission. When you consider that some 4,000 Colorado residents have cancelled their voter registration because their Secretary of State has indicated he will cooperate with the Trump Commission's request for personal data, the risk of that happening in New Mexico outweighs any perceived benefit of participating. As New Mexico's Chief Election Official, I will continue to ensure the integrity of our elections while protecting the voting rights and personal privacy of our voters."

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